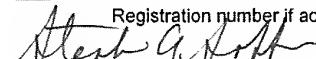


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2006</b> <b>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</b>		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b> <b>A8130.0153/P153</b>																									
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